

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

IN RE COMPLIANCE  
WITH RCW 42.17

PDC CASE NO.: 02-296

DON WASSON,

## FINAL ORDER ACCEPTING STIPULATION AND IMPOSING FINE

Respondent.

## INTRODUCTION

The Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (Commission) conducted an enforcement hearing under chapters 34.05 and 42.17 RCW and chapter 390-37 WAC on March 25, 2003 with respect to the above-captioned matter. The Commission held the hearing in the Evergreen Plaza Building, Room 206, 711 Capitol Way South, Olympia, Washington. Commissioners present included Michael Connelly, Chair, Susan Brady, Vice-chair, Lois Clement, Secretary, Francis Martin, and Earl Tilly. Also present were PDC Executive Director Vicki Rippie, PDC Assistant Director Susan Harris and Assistant Attorney General Nancy Krier. The Respondent was not present but was represented via telephone by John Wolfe, Attorney at Law. The PDC Staff appeared through Linda A. Dalton, Senior Assistant Attorney General. Respondent was provided advance notice of the meeting through Respondent's legal counsel, and advance notice of the meeting and this matter was posted on the PDC's website. The Commission held the hearing to determine whether the Respondent committed the following violations:

1. RCW 42.17.040 by failing to register as a political committee that supported candidates in the 2001 Des Moines City Council election;
2. RCW 42.17.065, 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 by failing to report contributions received and expenditures made by the political committee;
3. RCW 42.17.105 by accepting contributions and making expenditures in excess of \$5,000 within 21 days of the 2001 general election; and
4. RCW 42.17.120 by concealing the source and amounts of contributions that supported candidates in the 2001 Des Moines City Council election.

During the hearing, the Staff presented for the Commission's consideration the parties' Stipulation of Facts, Violations and Penalty dated March 25, 2003 pursuant to WAC 390-37-090. The parties' Stipulation is attached to this Order and is incorporated herein by reference.

### **ORDER**

Based on the record submitted in this matter and after deliberation, the Commission orders as follows:

1. That the Stipulation of Facts, Violations and Penalty is accepted;
2. That a total civil penalty of \$10,000 is assessed against the Respondent, with \$7,500 suspended based on conditions set forth in the Stipulation.

1 3. Pursuant to the agreement of the Respondent's counsel at the hearing, the  
2 Respondent agrees to pay the unsuspended portion of the penalty with personal  
3 funds and it is so ordered.  
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7 DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2003.

8 FOR THE COMMISSION:  
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VICKI RIPPIE, Executive Director

12 Attachment: Stipulation of Facts, Violations and Penalty  
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